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HOW TO MAKE VACUUM CLEANERS LAST LONGER

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KADDERLY: Back again in Washington, to give you another farm production line report. But first we'll hear from Ruth Van Deman, who is holding in her hand a brand new leaflet called "Take Care of Vacuum Cleaners and Carpet Sweepers."

RUTH VAN DEMAN: That's right, Wallace. Another wartime leaflet with timely and practical suggestions on how to make vacuum cleaners and carpet sweepers last longer and give better service. And this is a way to keep rugs and carpets lasting longer, too. When dirt works down into the fibers of rugs, it cuts and wears them out more quickly.

Now just to run over a few of the points on vacuum cleaners--

First of all, keep the cleaner clean. You can't get rugs and carpets clean if your vacuum cleaner is dirty--any more than you can wash clothes clean in dirty water.

Next, if your vacuum cleaner is the kind with brushes--keep all these brushes free from hair and threads. If the brushes are the kind that turn around inside the nozzle, check those brushes from time to time. They wear down--and need to be lowered--so the bristles come down below the nozzle lips far enough to touch the rug.

When you run the cleaner--don't ask it to do work it isn't fitted to do. Don't expect it to inhale pins or other metal objects--or to pick up big pieces of paper or string or cloth. These may cut and damage belt and fan.

Even the way you store the vacuum cleaner between cleanings can help to prolong its life. Put the cleaner away clean. Empty the dirt container, and be sure the brushes have no hair or thread wound around them. Wind the cord loosely around the clips placed on the cleaner for that purpose. Store the cleaner in a dry, cool place.

Those are just a few of the "make-'em-last" tips on vacuum cleaners. You'll find others--along with helpful drawings of the two main kinds of cleaners--in the leaflet, "Take Care of Vacuum Cleaners and Carpet Sweepers." If you would like a free copy, send a post card to the Bureau of Home Economics, Washington, D. C. As a short cut, just ask for the "vacuum cleaner" bulletin.

KADDERLY: And, Farm and Home Friends, if you want any of the other bulletins in this series, you can get them the same way--by writing a post card to the Bureau of Home Economics, Washington, D. C. The Bureau has bulletins on refrigerators, washing machines, gas and electric ranges, and ironing equipment--in addition to this brand new one on vacuum cleaners and carpet sweepers. Simply ask for them by the name of the type of equipment. Or, if you want them all--just ask for the folders on care of household equipment.

